

May 16, 2014  
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes  
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**Conference Call**

**Members Present:**

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Judy Morris, Al Bincarousky, Jeff Morrison

**Members Absent:**

Lydia Castagna, Open Position, Open Position

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. CST.

**Recording Secretary:** Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the April 18, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.

Jeff Morrison motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Frances Conner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Al Bincarousky will forward Cassie Ameiss's membership application and payment to the appropriate parties.

Tom Rapinchuk requested board permission to purchase office supplies such as notebooks and alphabetical indexes to organize materials as has been done in the past. The board had no objection if kept within reasonable amounts.

Tom Rapinchuk referenced his emails sent during the preceding months.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to add into the standing rules the following:

"All new members voted in for a given year must renew (now considered an existing member) for the next year EXCEPT those new members voted in as a new member in the 4th quarter of a given year. Because it is so close to renewal time, and to avoid a new member in the 4th quarter from having to pay dues twice within 1 quarter of a year, a 4th quarter voted in new member will be considered as a new member starting on January 1 of the next year. For new members voted in in the 4th quarter, membership rights will still apply in the 4th quarter except for voting rights and board eligibility rights. Voting and Board eligibility rights for new members voted in in the 4th quarter of any given year will commence on January 1st of the next year."

Al Bincarousky motioned to accept the verbiage into the standing rules. Frances Conner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to add into the standing rules the following:

"A consecutive year regarding Members, Board members and Board candidates, is considered a full fiscal year of membership, and defined as the same as a fiscal year. January 1 through December 31 of any year under consideration without any interruptions of any kind. Since the definition of a fiscal year and the definition of a voting member encompass the same time frame, then suffice it to say that a Board Member, and/or Board Member Candidate must have been a voting member for at least five consecutive years prior to the election year. Therefore, a consecutive year (year counted towards Board Eligibility Requirements) is a year that a Member is a voting member only."

Al Bincarousky motioned to accept the verbiage into the standing rules. Frances Conner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Frances Conner will forward both inclusions to Monica Davi and the Standing Rules committee for inclusion.

**Presidents Report:** Brenda Martz

The membership renewals and current membership list is completed. All were thanked for their efforts.

Members of the club are active with their communications and questions.

Brenda Martz with Sandy Underwood's help signed a contract for the 2015 National Specialty venue.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Frances Conner

INCOMING COMMUNICATION RECEIVED April 15 through May 16 2014

5/2/14            Terminated contract with Aiko Webmaster  
                     Pamela Nemecek will be taking over this duty

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- 5/2/14 Email received J Glenn on breeder's Website  
Responded to email
  - 5/9/14 Email from Kathleen Jackson on renewal application
  - 5/15/14 Correspondence from AKC Events on Regional and National Specialty. Final amendments for all events to include Performance
  - 5/15/14 Correspondence from AKC for events dated 10/6/14
- Al Bincarousky motioned to accept the corresponding secretary's report. Tom Rapinchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

OUTGOING COMMUNICATION

- 5/1/14 Correspondence to AKC and phone calls verifying approval for the following events Performance Events, Regional Specialty and National Specialty.
- 5/15/14 Email sent to Kathleen Jackson and registered letter with signed receipt mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Morris

April 2014

Beginning Balance	46953.23
Deposits/Credits	2082.25
Checks Cleared:	244.26
Cash Withdrawals	0
Ending Balance:	48791.22

Cleared Checks

Check #2706	25.00	Tom Rapinchuk Judges Select. Committee Expenses - Eligible Judge Report AKC
Check #2710	122.00	Store More-Forney Archive Storage 5/1 - 5/31/14
Check #2711	97.26	Holly Sheltry March AKC Delegate Meeting Exps.
	244.26	

Outstanding Checks

Check #2709	25.96	Heidi McClure Reimburse Overpayment of Breeder Web Site - Sept. 2013
Check #2712	250.00	Frances Conner Reimburse AKC Event Fees - Agility/Rally & 4-6 Puppy - 2014 Nationals
	275.96	

Legislative	903.20
Rescue	7403.56
Health	4915.93
General Fund	1237.46
Archive	488.00
General Trophy Fund	1295.49
Performance	5949.52
Public Relations	1153.70
Futurity 2014	663.34

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Committee Funds	23034.20
Club Funds	25757.02

48791.22

Frances Conner motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as reported. Al Bincarousky 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Health Committee:** Faith Beiser Chairperson

Faith Beiser thanked the Website committee for incorporating her changes. Faith Beiser submitted new changes for the Website.

**Public Relations:** Pam Nemecek Chairperson

The booth for Reliant is being booked and contracted.

**Archives Committee:** Richard Gray Chairperson

The materials being sold by Jean Ghantous have been purchased for \$1500. Judy Morris will send the payment check to Jean Ghantous to Tom Rapinchuk who will coordinate picking up the materials and delivering the check in person. Tom Rapinchuk will hold the materials and deliver them to the Archive committee at the Nationals. This will save the club shipping and storage fees.

**Judge's Education/Mentor:** Sara Nugent Chairperson

Sara Nugent discussed her team judging idea. The exact logistics, volunteers, and participants have yet to be worked out. In addition, where and when the event will take place has not been finalized.

Sara Nugent would like to have Richard Gray do the Judge's education this year. She does not know, however, if he will be attending this year's show.

Sara Nugent is planning to do a Breeder's education seminar also. No details have been worked out.

**Moonlight World Challenge:** Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

This event is scheduled to take place on Thursday pm.

The judges have been confirmed.

Carrie Huddleston finalized the details for this event. It will include a cash bar, and a food buffet at the cost of \$15 per person. She estimated 50 -75 people to attend.

**Editorial/Magazine:** Al Bincarousky Chairperson

Edits for the magazine took awhile and payment for ads were late, but the magazine is at the printer.

Al Bincarousky reported that Nancy Hjelmstad does not want to stuff the envelopes and label them anymore. Al Bincarousky will figure out an alternative. It was noted that a change in this process might cost the club more money unless a local printer is found for the person doing the mailing. In addition, the bulk mailing account will have to be changed to a different post office.

**Futurity:** Brenda Martz Chairperson

The proposed scheduled for this event is Thursday am.

Brenda Martz reported that the judge for futurity would be Adrian Harden from Sweden.

5 litters were nominated with individual animal nominations still coming in.

Brenda Martz reported that she would like to eventually expand this program into a Maturity competition. A Maturity competition is a competition for animals that competed in the previous year's Futurity.

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**Website:** Frances Conner Chairperson

Aiko's contract was not renewed. Pam Nemecek will be our new Webmaster.

**Judges Selection:** Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to spend \$25 for an updated judges list from the AKC for the upcoming selection process. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Tom Rapinchuk will forward the judges selection materials for the Website to Frances Conner.

Tom Rapinchuk will forward the judge's selection materials and ballots to Frances Conner and the Board members by June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The finalized documents will be mailed out with the nominating committee mailing to save on postage.

**Awards:**

No Report

**Rescue:**

The Board is actively seeking a person to fill the position of Chairperson.

**Yearbook:**

No Report

**Standing Rules:** Monica Davi Chairperson

No Report

**Legislation:** Jeff Morrison Chairperson

No Report.

**Delegate:** Holly Stump

No Report.

**Performance:** Sonia Bincarousky Chairperson

Sonia Bincarousky reported that Purina Farms will not allow a 2<sup>nd</sup> Agility ring to be set up because of space restrictions. American Staffordshire Terrier only obedience will be scheduled for the mornings. The estimated starting time for agility is 11 am.

Sonia Bincarousky is contacting local clubs to hold temperament testing and barn hunting.

Dog diving can be scheduled for Friday. This will include a Purina Farms trainer. All would be invited to practice and play.

The finalized schedule is being completed.

Sonia Bincarousky explained a plan she is developing to purchase a lure-coursing machine for the STCA, Inc. This machine would be utilized for our STCA lure coursing functions and awards. These are not an official lure coursing titles, however. The cost of the machine is around \$800 and would be pre-paid for through fund raising efforts or donations. Participants would be charged a fee to run the course if the machine is purchased. More information will be forthcoming. Agility entry fees have yet to be determined. Obedience entry fees will be \$30 for the first entry and \$22 for the second entry of the same dog. Rally entry fees will be \$30 for the first entry and \$22 for the second entry of the same dog.

The performance show secretary will open entries on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for American Staffordshire Terriers only. All breed entries will open on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Frances Conner will forward our club logo to the performance show secretary for the premium list and catalog. Both will be separate from conformation since these activities are considered a separate shows. Frances Conner will also forward a current list of STCA Inc. officers.

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Sonia Bincarousky and Frances Conner will coordinate the judges' expenses and room arrangements.

**Nominating Committee:** Frances Conner Chairperson

The current progress and future plans of the committee were discussed. Also the open positions for the board were discussed.

**Email Votes:**

The contract with the current Webmaster came up for renewal. The board voted unanimously to not continue with the current Webmaster, but to replace this person with Pam Nemec.

Marilyn Morgan was voted in as a new member unanimously.

The club never received Kathleen Jackson's renewal form and payment. No payment, not even a late payment seems to have been received. Kathleen Jackson requested that the board honor her renewal that she would pay for after the board honored her renewal. The board voted unanimously that Kathleen Jackson must re-apply for membership according to the Constitution and Bylaws.

**Old Business:**

Discussion to replace the open board position due to Chuck Nelson's resignation took place. It was noted that this position is not up for re-election in 2014.

Frances Conner motioned to accept Rose Starkey, if she accepts being a board member, to the open board position vacated by Chuck Nelson's resignation. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

The five board positions up for election this year were discussed. The open board position vacated by John Lottinville's resignation may remain vacant until this position is filled by the upcoming election.

**2014 National Specialty**

All judges have been confirmed and are being posted onto the Website.

Frances Conner explained the difficulties encountered with the AKC online system. The system is set up for all breed shows. This creates problems for specialty shows and special attractions. Frances Conner has communicated this to the AKC

Frances Conner detailed the problems encountered trying to incorporate the new AKC Owner/Breeder/Handler program into this year's show. All Bincarousky motioned to not incorporate the new AKC Owner/Breeder/Handler program into this year's National Specialty show. Tom Rapinchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

The obedience, rally, and agility judges have all been confirmed.

The schedule of events for the week is being finalized.

The trophy list is being put onto the Website. The final performance trophy list will be forthcoming when Sonia Bincarousky and Carrie Huddleston forward the list.

Al Bincarousky volunteered to do the catalog ads.

Brenda Martz volunteered to handle the banquet and raffle.

Jeff Morrison volunteered to do grounds and cleanup.

The verbiage for reserving the selected grooming booths is being put on the Website. It is also being posted onto Facebook and will be printed in the premium list. Frances Conner will keep the list of these assignments.

Foy Trent is our show superintendent.

Volunteers are needed for ring stewarding. This includes conformation, as well as, performance.

Carrie Huddleston reported that trophy donations are coming in. She is also working to finalize the performance trophies and list for the Website. Al Bincarousky is doing this list.

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**2015 and 2016 National Specialty:**

Brenda Martz signed a contract for the 2015 National Specialty show venue.

**New Business:**

Membership issues were discussed.

Tom Rapinchuk reported that 6 new memberships were voted into the membership in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2013. 3 of these memberships paid a renewal membership fee for 2014. He said these memberships should have their renewal fees refunded because they weren't necessary for new members voted into membership in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of any given year.

Frances Conner will contact these members to see if they would like a refund or would like to donate their payments elsewhere to the club. The memberships involved were Robin Griffith, Mike McMurray, and Ken & Diane Guilmette.

Tom Rapinchuk reported that Virginia Hipp sent in a renewal via paypal. No previous records for this person exist and no one seems to know this person. It appears as though the club received an errant payment that should be refunded. Tom Rapinchuk will forward the information to Frances Conner who will contact Virginia Hipp to resolve the situation.

Greg Conner's letter to the board was discussed. The issue concerned a non-member advertising itself as a breed seminar instructor, mentor, and judge's mentor. Since the National Club forwards the official lists of instructors and mentors to the AKC, he would like to know how this person is listed. These positions traditionally are for members only. If listed, then this person should be removed from the lists since this person is not a club member. In addition, since the club owns the instructor materials, then this person should be prevented from using it. Frances Conner will verify the lists with the AKC. Lydia Castagna will further investigate and follow up.

**Election of Members:**

Marilyn Morgan was voted in as a new member unanimously via an email vote.

Justin and Monica McGrew were voted in as new family membership via an email vote.

No New members elected at this meeting.

Next meeting will be June 27, 2014 at 7:30 CST.

Al Bincarousky motioned to adjourn the meeting. Judy Morris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 pm CST

Respectfully submitted

Tom Rapinchuk  
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.